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Jean LAURENCOT :

Application No. 10/531,765 :

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For a Patent for a :

METHOD FOR TREATING A LOAD OF STACKED LIGNEOUS MATERIAL ELEMENTS,

IN PARTICULAR A LOAD OF WOOD BY

HIGH-TEMPERATURE HEAT TREATMENT : August 22, 2005

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The present application is derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002884, and was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. The following documents are noted for being cited in the Search Report issued during the international stage of the International Application.

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5,678,324 (Viitaniemi et al.) - Issued: October 21, 1997

4,862,599 (Brunner) - Issued: September 5, 1989

4,356,641 (Rosenau) - Issued: November 2, 1982

3,744,144 (Weis) - Issued: July 10, 1973

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2001/015020 (Uehara) - Published: August 23, 2001

Foreign Patent Documents

EP 0 142 071 (Lignomat GmbH) - Published: May 22, 1985

FR 2,790,698 (Laurencot) - Published: September 15, 2000

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FR 2,720,969 (Montornes) - Published: December 15, 1995

FR 2,604,245 (Gautreau) - Published: March 25, 1988

Copies of the above-listed documents should already have been received by the U.S. Patent Office, and the foregoing documents have been listed on the two (2) PTO-1449 forms which have been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement to facilitate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the above-listed documents.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier search which was performed relative to French Patent Application No. 02/13427, the priority of which is claimed in connection with

the present application. A copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 624737, is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. The documents cited in the French Search Report duplicate the documents cited in the PCT Search Report.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier filed International Application, No. PCT/FR98/00857, which was assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/423,144. The Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR98/00857, and a Search Report (No. FA 542705) issued for French Patent Application No. 97/05700, the priority of which was claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR98/00857, cite the same documents, including:

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The following documents were cited by the U.S. Patent Office during the examination of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/423,144:

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6,083,437 (Nishio et al.) - Issued: July 4, 2000
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The following documents were additionally cited by the applicants during the examination of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/423,144:

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5,343,913 (Tanahashi et al.) - Issued: September 6, 1994 4,553,978 (Yvan) - Issued: November 19, 1985

Copies of the above-listed Search Reports and foreign patent documents are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the waiver of such requirements for International Applications which entered their U.S. national stage after June 30, 2003 (OG Notices; 05 August 2003). A concise explanation of the relevance

of non-English language documents is available with reference to the Search Report which cites the non-English language document.

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 forms (2) which are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which list the foregoing documents, and by providing applicant with initialed copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 forms to confirm consideration of the listed documents.

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